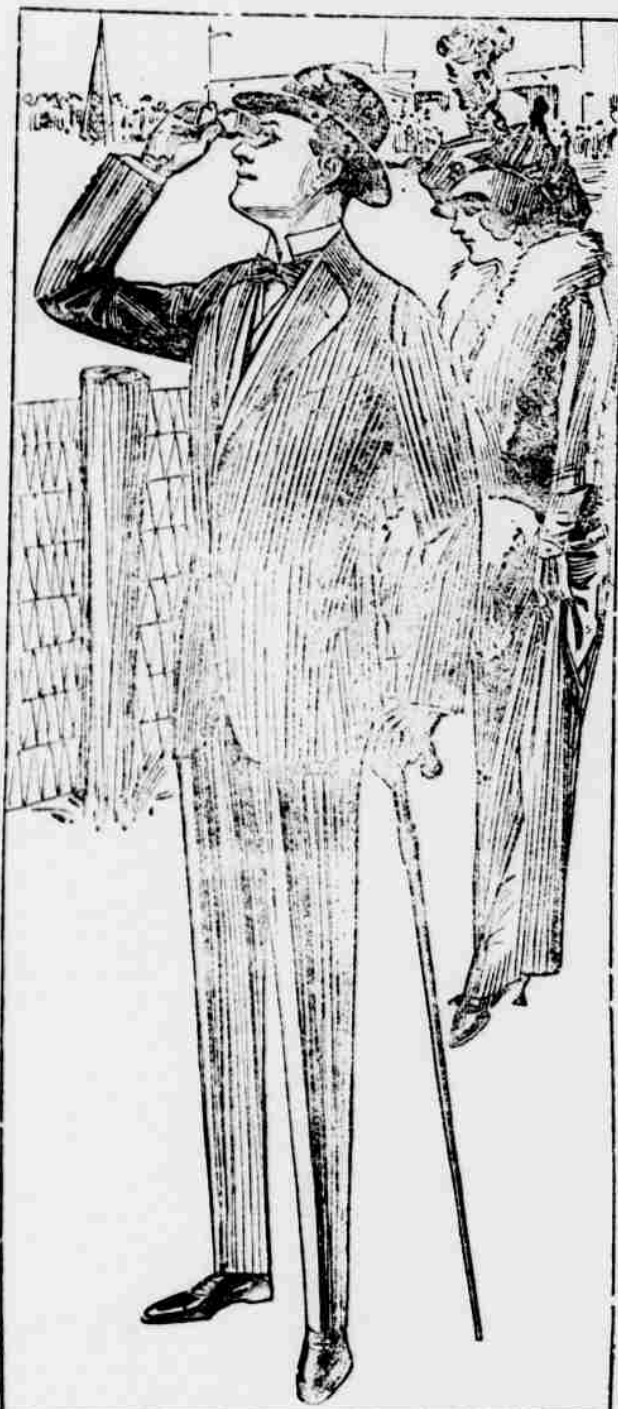


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ENGLISH SCHOOL CHILDREN IN BAD WAY

(By Associated Press.)

London, Oct. —The surprising revelation that at least one-sixth of England's six million school children are "so physically or mentally defective or diseased as to be incapable of deriving reasonable benefit from the education which the state provides" is made in a report just issued by the chief medical officer of the board of education.

The report has aroused great interest and has come as a shock to the public generally. The Manchester Guardian says that the report "should awaken fears as to the nation's future as sharply as would news of a disastrous defeat of our arms." It makes the point that the waste referred to is preventable and that while it is being lessened by better housing, better labor conditions and purer and cheaper food, together with ample medical facilities and sounder ideas in education and hygiene, that "the nation moves with incredible slowness."

Sir George Newman, the chief medical officer at the conclusion of his report, indicates that a complete scheme is now practically ready that will enable the state to take entire charge of the child, mentally, physically and morally, with a view to preventing in future a repetition of reports as disappointing as that just issued. The transformation is to be accomplished through the aid of several agencies. The local education authorities, through their school medical service have established a system of remedy and amelioration. Education committees, doctors, nurses and thousands of voluntary workers compose a cooperative system designed to save the child. The system is to extend from schools for mothers to the home, and from welfare centers to juvenile employment. In his report Sir George Newman says: "Eight years work has brought to light a large mass of physical defect

and disease, varied in character and widespread, most of it preventable. In regard to the data thus provided we can form two general conclusions. First, not less than a quarter of a million children are seriously crippled, invalided, or disabled not less than a million school children are so physically or mentally defeated as to be unable to derive reasonable benefit from the education which the state provides. If the figures be considered merely from a financial point of view and quite apart from the disease, suffering and premature death entailed, it will be seen that the state is not getting adequate returns, on physical grounds alone, for a substantial part of its expenditure on elementary education."

"Consideration of the situation seems to indicate that the physical welfare, and in part the education, of the child of school age is dependent upon ante-school conditions; and dependent also upon post-school conditions. In other words, if we are determined to rear a healthy and virile race of high capacity, we must, from a physical standpoint, begin earlier and continue later than the hitherto accepted period of education. What is needed, indeed, is an effective supervision and a sound and practical training of the body from the end of infancy to adolescence. It is said sometimes that in the interest of economy, that the state cannot afford such a complete scheme. My submission is that in the interest of economy, the state cannot afford to neglect a complete scheme."

MAY CUT GERMAN'S BEER DOWN MORE

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Oct. —The newest suggestion for saving grain in Germany is offered by Dr. Bonne of Klein-Flottbeck, who asks in a petition to the imperial chancellor, that a rule be passed whereby beer may be served only on presentation of a bread card. His plan is in effect to require all Germany to choose between bread and beer as daily nourishment, instead of allowing an unlimited consumption of the latter. The petition is signed by some 80,000 persons. The petition declares that 42,000 hundred-weight of barley is used daily to make beer, or sufficient to feed ten million persons for one day. A liter of beer requires 230 grams of grain, whereas the average daily bread ration is but 220 grams. Dr. Bonne insists that barley is just as much a food as rye and white flour.

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